

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**CORRECTED
FISCAL NOTE**

HB 544 – SB 1476

March 9, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes education qualifications as a prerequisite for any person applying to become a director of a local emergency management agency and requires a director to attend meetings, training courses, conduct lectures, and attain membership with the Tennessee Emergency Management Association (TEMA). Furthermore, requires each chief local elected official (CLEO) to establish a job description which shall become official upon approval by the governing body of a county.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

On March 7, 2011, a fiscal note was issued estimating a fiscal impact as follows:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$29,200.

Due to information received from the Emergency Management Association of Tennessee (EMAT), the estimated impact is:

(CORRECTED)

Increase Local Expenditures – \$11,600*

Assumptions:

- There is one local emergency management agency director for each of the 95 counties in Tennessee.
- According to TEMA, there is a turnover rate for directors of 10 percent for every four years. Annually, this would add approximately two additional directors ($10\% / 4 \text{ years} = 2.5 \text{ percent} \times 95 \text{ county directors} = 2.38 \text{ additional directors}$) or ninety-seven ($95 + 2$) directors who need training annually.
- Directors will be required to become members of the Emergency Management Association of Tennessee (EMAT). According to EMAT, 36 directors are not currently members.
- The membership and registration fee for EMAT is \$50 per person. This will result in an increase in local expenditures of \$1,800 ($\50×36).
- TEMA provides training free of charge, but the individual directors must choose where the training is taken. Half the counties will spend \$200 per year in travel expenses to

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attend the required meetings, training courses, and conduct lectures, resulting in an increase in local expenditures of \$9,800 for travel expenses.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: No law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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